COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75 REGULATIONS

I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, hereby:

(a) revoke the Declaration and Determination made on 23 March 2001 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;

(b) declare under regulation 3 of the Regulations that the following non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged with elements of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation; the Australia, New Zealand and the United States (Pacific Security) Treaty; Far East Strategic Reserve; the United Nations; the Australian, New Zealand and United Kingdom (ANZUK); Five Power Defence Arrangement; and Australian Army Survey Operations in South East Asia during the following periods to be a declared operation for the purpose of the Regulations:

(i) Defence Force activities on land in Malaysia, except those warlike operations prescribed from time-to-time by the Governor-General that occurred on the Thailand-Malaysia border, during the following periods:

(A) that commenced on 1 August 1960 and ended on 16 August 1964;

(B) that commenced on 12 August 1966 and ended on 14 March 1975;

(ii) Defence Force activities on land in Singapore during the following periods:

(A) that commenced on 1 August 1960 and ended on 16 August 1964;

(B) that commenced on 12 August 1966 and ended on 14 March 1975;
(iii) Defence Force activities on land in Thailand, except those non-warlike operations prescribed from time-to-time by the Governor-General that occurred in Ubon and Ban Kok Talat, during the following periods;

(A) that commenced on 2 July 1955 and ended on 24 June 1965;

(B) that commenced on 1 September 1968 and ended on 30 October 1971;

(iv) Defence Force activities on land in Vietnam during the period that commenced on 2 July 1955 and ended on 30 July 1962;

(v) Defence Force activities on land in Indonesia, Laos and Cambodia during the period that commenced on 2 July 1955 and ended on 14 March 1975;

(vi) participation by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the ANZUK Forces that commenced on 30 October 1971 and ended on 14 March 1975, and during such periods those ships were formally allocated or assigned to those Forces; and

(c) determine, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Clasp 'SE ASIA' ("the Medal") for the declared operation are:

(i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the declared operation for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;

(ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the declared operation while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;

(iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member and who completed 30 operational sorties within the duration of the declared operation, where those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;

(iv) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits,
inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature with the military contribution in the declared operation;

(v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the declared operation for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal with Clasp 'SE ASIA'; or

(vi) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), (c)(iv) or (c)(v) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the declared operation was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

(d) determine, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where;

(i) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'FESR' has been awarded;

(ii) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SE ASIA' has been awarded;

(iii) in relation to those non-warlike operations in Thailand at the Royal Thai Air Force Bast at Ubon, and 2 Field Troop Royal Australian Engineers operations at Ban Kok Talat in Operation CROWN, for which the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'THAILAND' has been awarded, during the period that commenced 1 May 1962 and ended on 24 June 1965; or

(iv) in relation to those warlike operations on the Thailand-Malaysia border as described in subparagraph (b)(i), that is, operations for which the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 has been awarded for service in the Federation of Malaya contained within the area bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the western shore of the Federation of Malaya at high-water mark and the boundary between the States of Perlis and Kedah; thence proceeding generally north-easterly along that boundary to its intersection with the railway line from Arau to Penang Tunggal; thence following that railway line generally southerly to its intersection with the northern boundary between the States of Penang and Kedah; thence proceeding along the boundary between those States generally easterly, southerly and westerly to the intersection of the boundaries of the States of Penang,
Kedah and Perak to its intersection with the railway line from Penang Tunggal to Taiping, thence following that railway line generally southerly, easterly and southerly to its intersection with the parallel 4 degrees 51 minutes north latitude; thence proceeding due south in a straight line to the intersection of that line with the parallel 4 degrees 30 minutes north latitude; thence proceeding along that parallel to its intersection with the eastern bank of the Perak River; thence following that bank of that river to its intersection with the parallel 4 degrees 47 minutes north latitude; thence proceeding in a straight line to the intersection of the boundaries of the States of Perak, Kelantan and Pahang; thence proceeding along the boundary between the States of Kelantan and Pahang to its intersection with the meridian 101 degrees 48 minutes east longitude; thence proceeding in a straight line to the intersection of the eastern bank of the Raya River with the eastern bank of the Nenggiri River, thence following that bank of that river to its intersection with the western bank of the Galas River; thence proceeding in a straight line due east to the eastern bank of that river, thence following that bank of that river and the eastern bank of the Kelantan River to its intersection with the eastern shore of the Federation of Malaya at high-water mark, thence following that shore at high-water mark to its intersection with the boundary between the Federation of Malaya and Thailand; thence proceeding along that boundary to the western shore of the Federation of Malaya and Thailand at high-water mark; thence following that shore of the Federation of Malaya at high-water mark to the point of commencement, during the periods set out below:

(A) land and air anti-terrorist operations that commenced on 1 August 1960 and ended on 16 August 1964; and

(B) Royal Australian Air Force air operations that commenced on 17 August 1964 and ended on 30 March 1966.

Dated 8th June 2001

By His Excellency's Command

PETER REITH
Minister for Defence